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1. ON BASIS OF FURTHER ANALYSIS OF PIPELINE SITUATION AND DISCUSSIONS WITH ICEM CONCERNING POTENTIAL NEW CASES AND PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS, FOLLOWING REPRESENTS OUR BEST PRESENT ESTIMATE OF PROJECTION AND TIME TABLE FOR COMPLETION OF SUBJECT PROGRAM.

2. PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT EXISTING CASELOAD IN ACTIVE PROCESSING AT SANTIAGO AND WASHINGTON COUPLED WITH ACTUAL MOVEMENTS TO DATE WILL AMOUNT TO CUMULATIVE MOVEMENT TOTAL OF ABOUT 125 CASES, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ICEM TO INTRODUCE ABOUT 300 ADDITIONAL PRIMA FACIE ACCEPTABLE CASES INTO PROCESSING PIPELINE IN ORDER TO MEET 300 TARGET FOR SANTIAGO.

3. ACCORDING PLANNED COURSE OF ACTION, ICEM COULD DEVELOP AND PRESENT TO EMBASSY THESE 300 NEW CASES WITHIN A PERIOD OF 5 - 7 WEEKS PROVIDED CRITERIA EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CASES RELEASED FROM DETENTION. THE 300 NEW CASES WOULD BE COMPOSED OF 150 RELEASED CASES WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BY ICEM IN 2-3 WEEK PERIOD; 110 CASES INVOLVING SENTENCED PRISONERS AT LOCATIONS IN INTERIOR OF COUNTRY WHICH ICEM COULD PRESENT WITHIN PERIOD OF 5-7 WEEKS; AND 50 CASES ALREADY IDENTIFIED IN PROCESSING PIPELINE

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BUT WHICH REQUIRE EXILE DECREES. REGARDING LATTER GROUP ICEM

WILL APPROACH GOC MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND REQUEST DECREES AS SOON AS EMBASSY IDENTIFIES CASES TO ICEM AS APPEARING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAAROLE. THIS IDENTIFICATION PROCESS ALREADY UNDERWAY.

4. IF EXPANDED CRITERIA APPROVED, AND PROVIDING ICEM AND EMBASSY STAFFS ADEQUATELY REINFORCED, WE ESTIMATE THAT 300 TARGET COULD BE MET WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS AND MOVEMENT PROGRAM COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 1976. IN EVENT EXPANDED CRITERIA NOT APPROVED, ICEM WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER 5-7 WEEKS TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL 100-150 CASES FROM AMONG SENTENCED PRISONERS AND THUS PROGRAM WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTEMBER. WITH RESPECT TO SENTENCED PRISONERS, THE COMISION DE INDULTO OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WILL MEET JANUARY 27 TO REVIEW ALL PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE. (BETWEEN 30 TO 40 CASES), BUT OWING TO GOVERNMENT HOLIDAY PERIOD IN FEBRUARY THIS COMMISSION WILL TAKE NO ACTION ON NEW CASES UNTIL AFTER MARCH 1.

5. FYI: ICEM FLYING TEAM WILL COMMENCE VISITING PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES AMONG SENTENCED PRISONERS ON JANUARY 26. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER TEAM WILL BE JOINED BY CONSULAR OFFICER IN ORDER THAT PROCESSING OF SUITABLE CANDIDATES CAN BE INITIATED BY BOTH ICEM AND CONSULATE IMMEDIATELY WHEN CASES LOCATED.

6. WITH REGARD TO ICEM'S STAFFING REQUIREMENTS, JARRELL IS MAKING APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO HIS GENEVA HEADQUARTERS. CARLIN WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH ICEM UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. EMBASSY/CONSULATE NEEDS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

7. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY AND INS MAKING ALL-OUT EFFORT TO PROCESS ALL AVAILABLE CASES. THIS SPLENDID EFFORT IS REFLECTED IN HEAVY REFERRAL OF FINALIZED CASES TO DEPARTMENT DURING CURRENT WEEK. SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE STAFFING, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO KEEP CURRENT WITH PROCESSING OF ALL AVAILABLE CASES. ACTUAL RATE OF MOVEMENTS SHOULD SHOW MARKED IMPROVEMENT WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.
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